COMMERCIAL PROFESSIONS.

Men of Money Who Labor to Turn Their Business Into Institutions of tsefulness.

The truth is, we hear too much about the commercialism of the professions. There are men who vulgarfize them all, no doubt, and who sell their craft-right for a mess of millions, for there have always been such men, says World's Work. But there is another tendency of our time that is far stronger than the tendency to get wealth; it is the tendency to establish, to build, and to maintain institutions-institutions of any useful and honorable kind. Men give themselves in the most unselfish way to build up colleges and universities, hospitals, museums, elubs, associations for the advancement of trades and professions, libraries-there is no end of the list. Men labor to turn their business into institutions. Many founders of great commercial houses work for their honorable perpetuity.

Many manufacturers plan their factories so as to give them an institutional character and value. The naturally conservative tendency of an active people is toward institution building. Strong men in almost every department of work show such a tendency, often as a dominant trait of character, and this is a stronger mo-The rich man who stands alone, who has not established something, who is not identified with some great in-

PERILS OF THE TRAPPERS.

How the Famous Scott and Many Others Went to Their Deaths on the Platte River.

In the United States the free hunt- One with Two Humps Creates a Seners approach the mountains by three main routes. It was coming down the Platte that poor Scott's canoe was overturned, his powder lost and his rifle rendered useless, relates Outing. other hunting party far to the fore. was indeed a sensation. miles from the place where they had species with success. left him. The terror that spurred the What the dromedary is to Sahara's Missouri.

VENEZUELA IS DECAYING.

German Traveler States That Mixed Negroes and Indians Are Getting an Upper Hand.

Dr. Passarge, the noted traveler, who has just returned from Venezuela, says, according to a Berlin re-

"President Castro is a full-blooded Indian and an energetic man without political wisdom. He rose suddenly from magistrate of a remote village at the foot of the Andes to the presioverconfident.

"The present situation is due to two facts: Germany suddenly suspended the pressure of the early part of the war, which diminished the respect in which she was held by President Castro; secondly, the attitude of the officials of the great Venezuelan railroad toward President Castro. Germany's first principle must be not to meddle in the internal affairs of Venezuela. But the railroad officials forgot this."

Dr. Passarge describes the state as drifting to certain decay and as following a steadily downward course since Gen. Blanco's presidency. The color question plays an important role in political tendencies. The mixed negroes and Indians, etc., are getting an upper hand in society and polities.

WHERE DWARFS ARE MADE.

Children in Madras Stunted and Distorted for the Purpose of Putting Them Out to Beg.

Some interest has of late been aroused in Madras by the exhibition of two dwarfs who are alleged to be over 50 years of age, and are brother and sister. These beings are not only small but distorted. It is believed that dwarfs are "manufactured" in Indian. There is a practice extant in the Punjab of elongating infants' heads so as to render them out of all students there this year has reached proportion to the body. The effect of compression on the brain renders the victims idiotic, says the London Ex-

They are sent around to beg, and in their peregrinations visit the Madras and Bombay presidencies. An instinct akin to that of an animal, however, still lives in the distorted beings, and invariably brings them back to their masters. They are known as "Shah Shuja's mice," from the name of the temple where they are manufactured. from a point in the heart of the Sierra The children, it is stated, are vowed to the temple by fanatical women.

RED, BLACK OR BLONDE.

Dark-Haired Children Have the Most Imagination, But Red-Headed Get the Good Marks.

Some curious statistics relating to hair have been collected by the school authorities at Lille. It is found that auburn-haired boys are generally at the head of the recitation classes, and blonde girls come out highest as arithmeticians. But in composition they are nowhere, says the London Ex-

The dark-haired children of both sexes have the quality of imagination, and in their compositions know how not to fatigue the attention, and as compared to the auburn and blondes are born stylists.

I dare say the auburn boys and blond lasses in the Lille elementary schools are of Flemish-that is to say, phlegmatic-race. Their brains do not grow at once congested when they stand up to recite, and for that reason they keep the mastery of the vocal organs. In short, they continue to know what they are about. The dark children are probably of Celtic-that is to say, Gallic-origin. The blood comes with a rush to their brains, and they grow confused, splutter and break down. If they could only be aught to remain silent for a few moments they would be all the better for this rush, as the confusion would have passed tive than the mere wish to be rich. away, leaving only stimulated mental organs.

Finally, on the subject of hair, says a writer in Truth, I am sorry to say stitution, commercial or public, is not | that the red-headed boys and girls in envied. He is more likely to be pitied, the Lille schools are at the bottom in everything, save in good conduct, marks. Nor are they remarkable for good health. The dark boys behave better than the auburn or the fair, and are more sensitive to praise or blame.

CAMEL A CURIOSITY.

sation Among the People of Caire, Egypt.

One would hardly expect to hear of a camel being an object of public at-Game had retreated to the mountains traction in Egypt. That such is the with spring's advance. Berries were case, however, is vouched for by the not ripe by the time trappers were Egyptian Gazette. "The ship of the descending with their winter's hunt, desert," or the one-humped drome-Scott and his famishing men could dary, is very common in the streets of not find edible roots. Each day Scott Cairo and other parts of the Nile weakened. There was no food. Final- country, but when the zoological garly Scott had strength to go no further, den at Ghizeh secured a specimen of His men had found tracks of some the two-humped Bactrian camel there

They thought that in any case he The double-decked ship of the descould not live. What ought they to ert was the most interesting animal do? Hang back and starve with him, in the menagerie to the native Egypor hasten forward while they had tian who had been familiar all his life strength to the party whose tracks with the one-humped variety. they had espied. On pretense of seek- Strange as it may seem, this particuing roots, they deserted the helpless lar specimen was bred and secured man. The next spring when these from the Rotterdam zoological garsame hunters went up the Platte they dens, where the well-known Swiss natfound the skeleton of poor Scott 60 uralist, Dr. Buettikofer, is rearing the

emaciated man to drag himself all this parched sands, says the Philadelphia weary distance can barely be con- Record, the Bactrian camel is to the ceived; but such were the fearful odds dreary stretches of Asia. As the taken by every free trapper who went dromedary may be likened to the swift up the Platte, across the parched and safe passenger ship, so may the plains or to the headwaters of the natient Bactrian heast be referred to as the slower but all the more important deeply laden merchantman, for centuries on centuries, generation after generation, these patient creatures have been transporting the wealth of China, farther India and the orient generally to Russia and thence throughout the occident.

ENGLAND'S GREAT BACHELORS.

Four Leading Men of the British Kingdom Are Unmarried at Middle Age.

This is the age of bachelors in England. The women are discussing with dency, and his rapid rise made him seen interest the fact that four of their great men are unmarried. Arthur Balour is a bachelor, and indeed the first achelor to become premier since the ime of William Pitt.

Lord Kitchener, England's most notable soldier, and Lord Milner, her most prominent administrator, are both un-

Completing the notable four is the bishop of London, who is not far from being the most prominent man in the church.

The men on the other side, says the Philadelphia North American, are declaring that France "has long been cursed with petticoat influence in polities, and England has had some experience of the plague of women behind the scenes at the war office." They believe that "the triumph of the four great bachelors points to a quiet and effective revolt of man."

Egyptian Papyri.

The National museum at Washingon helps with funds to support the explorations in Egypt which Dr. Flinders Petrie, the great Egyptologist, is naking. As its share of this year's finds it has just received ten papyrus manuscripts, dating from about the birth of Christ. They are mostly bills of lading for camel trains, receipts for

Industrious Indians. Col. R. H. Pratt, head of the government Indian school at Carlisle, Pa., reports that the enrollment of Indian the high-water mark of 1,073. The students are encouraged to earn money by hiring out during vacation, and they made nearly \$32,000 that way last

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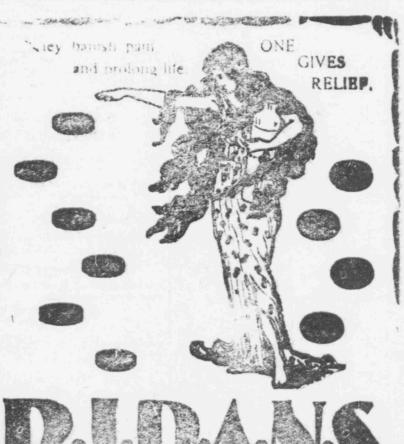
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